

SINCLAIR TANK WAGON 1917

This horse drawn tank wagon was used by Sinclair Oil beginning in 1917. The tank held an amazing 300 gallons of fuel or gasoline that was delivered to farmers and homesteads for numerous uses. In comparison, today's transport trucks hold 7,000 to 12,000 gallons of fuel or gasoline.

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SWEETMANSON 1917

This is a 1917 Sweetmanson traction engine. It was built in the United States and is one of the largest of its kind. It has a 100 horsepower engine and a 100 gallon water tank. It was used for pulling heavy loads and for agricultural work.

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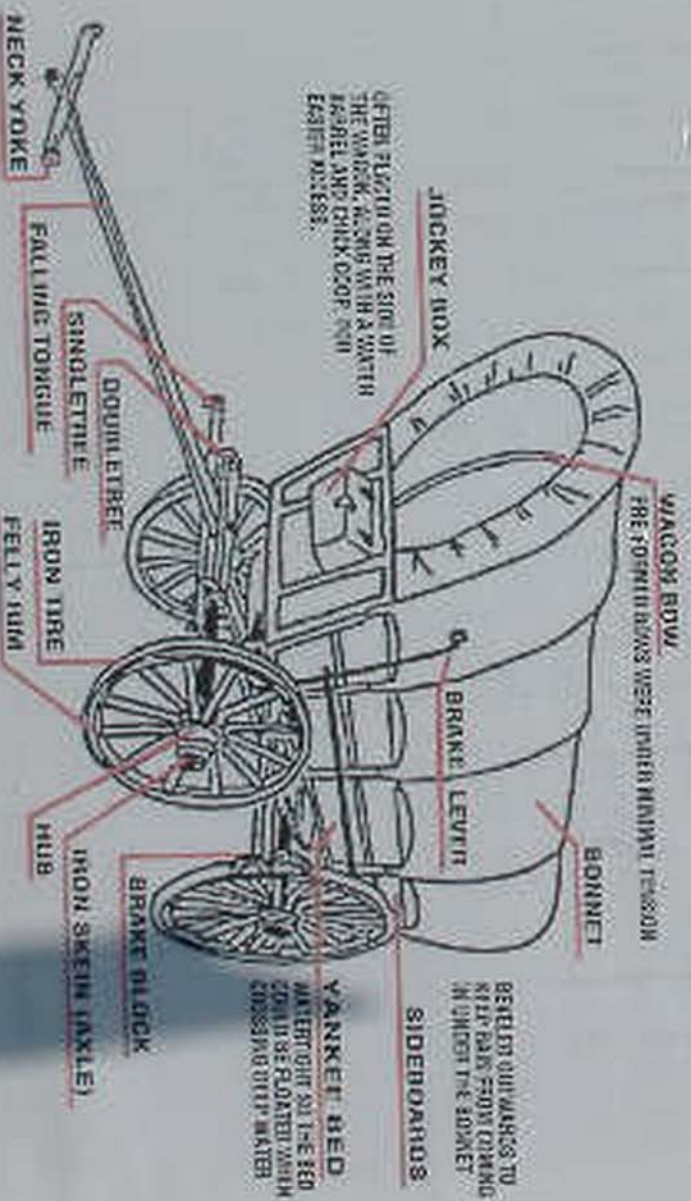






Prairie Schooners

The most common wagons used for hauling freight were the Conestogas, which were designed for their durability and size, and were very popular along the Santa Fe Trail. However, overlanders on the Oregon Trail quickly learned that Conestoga wagons were too big for their needs. The huge, heavy wagons killed even the sturdiest oxen before the journey was two-thirds complete. Their answer to the problem was dubbed the "Prairie Schooner," a half-sized version of the Conestoga that typically measured 4' wide and 10-12' in length. With its tongue and neck yoke attached, its length doubled to about 23". With the bonnet, a Prairie Schooner stood about 10' tall and its wheelbase was over 5' wide. It weighed around 1300 pounds empty and could be easily dismantled for repairs en route. Teams of 4-6 oxen or 6-10 mules were sufficient to get the sturdy little wagons to Oregon. A Prairie Schooner in good repair offered shelter almost as good as a house.







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OF THE HALL COUNTY MUSEUM BOARD
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OF HIS ESTATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF THIS BUILDING.

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CONTRIBUTION HAS COME FROM ITS
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THIS BUILDING BEARS HIS NAME.































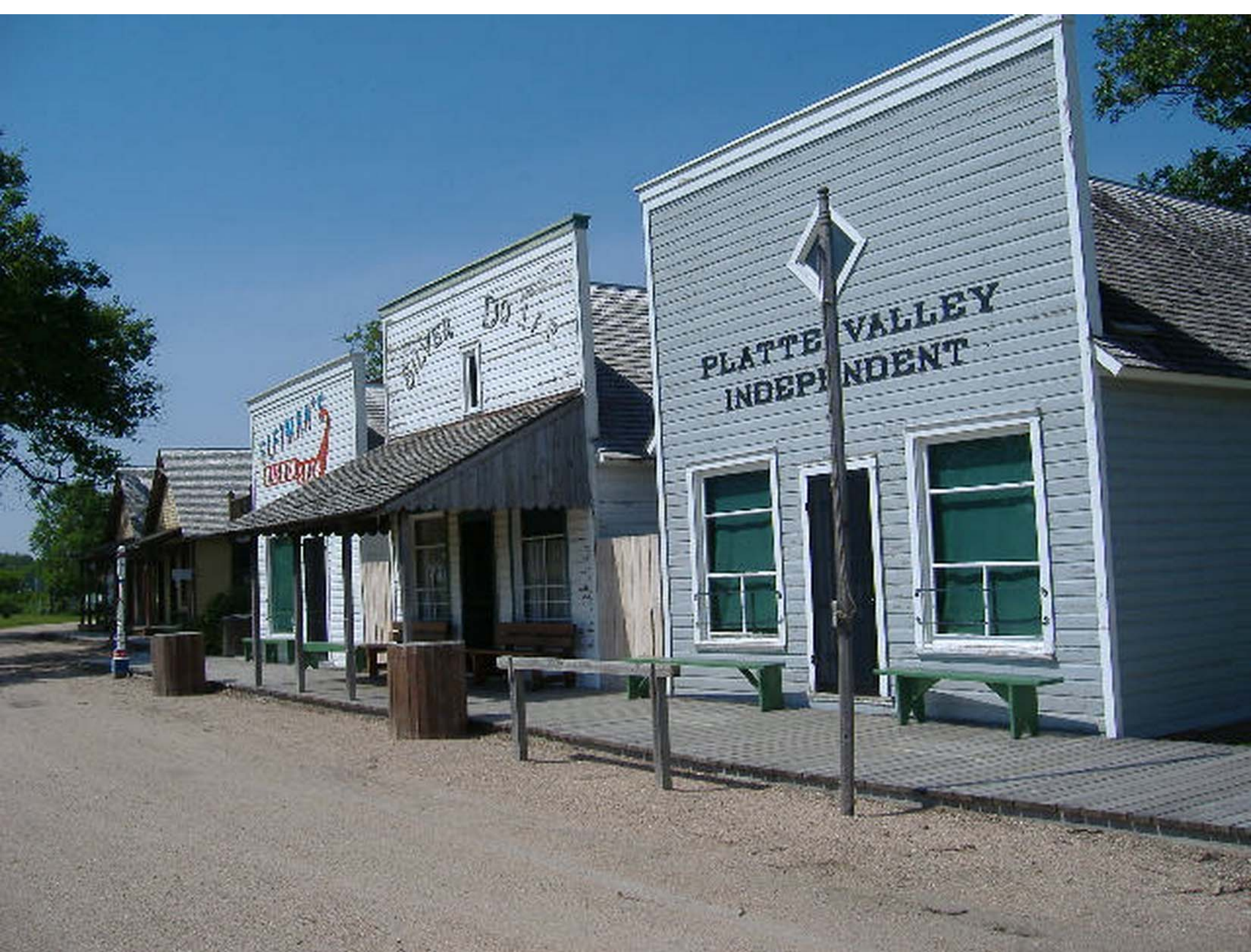
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INFORMATION

A wooden signpost stands in a grassy field. In front of it is a dark wooden wagon with large spoked wheels, covered by a white canvas tarp. To the left is a large red barn with a grey roof and a small cupola. In the background, there are green trees and a small dark wooden building under a blue sky with white clouds. A wooden fence runs across the middle ground, and a log lies on the ground in the foreground.

















